

D. Amendment to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 4 as follows. A listing of all claims in the application is provided.

1. (Currently Amended) An electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a photosensitive layer on a conductive support, wherein a surface layer of said photosensitive member contains a crosslinked epoxy-modified resol type phenolic resin obtained by adding an epoxy group to a phenolic hydroxy ~~group~~ groups of a resol type phenolic resin, and at least one of a charge transport material and a conductive fine particle.

2. (Currently Amended) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 1, wherein said epoxy modified resol type phenolic resin is obtained by adding a procedure comprising mixing a compound having at least two epoxy groups in a reaction system when a compound having phenolic hydroxy groups is allowed to react with aldehydes under alkaline conditions, so that the phenolic groups and the epoxy groups undergo an addition and condensation reaction ~~compound having at least two epoxy groups in a molecule to the phenolic hydroxy group.~~

3. (Original) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 1, wherein said epoxy modified resol type phenolic resin is free from any heteroatoms other than oxygen.

4. (Currently Amended) An electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 1, wherein said epoxy modified resol type phenolic resin is obtained by adding a compound having a cyclic epoxy group represented by the following structural formula (1) or (2) in a molecule to said phenolic hydroxy groups of said resol type phenolic resin[[]]



5. (Original) The electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 1, wherein said charge transport material has a hydroxy group.

6. (Original) A process cartridge comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 1 and at least one means selected from the group consisting of a charging means, a developing means and a cleaning means which are integrally supported, and being detachably mountable to the main body of an electrophotographic apparatus.

7. (Original) An electrophotographic apparatus comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member according to claim 1, a charging means, an exposing means for forming an electrostatic latent image on said electrophotographic photosensitive member, a developing means for developing said electrostatic latent image into a toner image, and a transfer means for transferring said toner image onto a transfer medium.